ടെ കരം പിരിക്കുന്നഅവസരങ്ങളിൽ ബത്തയെന്നും രശീതിപണമെന്നും പറഞ്ഞ പ്രത്യേകം ഒരു സംഖ്യ പിരിക്കുവാനുള്ള കാരണമെന്തു; ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു് ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിൽ നിന്നും വല്ല ഉത്തരവും കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അച്യുതമേനോൻ.—ബത്ത എന്നു പറയുന്നതു് നികുതിപിരിവു് റെഗുലേഷൻ പ്രകാരം നടപടി നടത്തുന്നതിനുള്ള ബത്ത ആകുന്നു. രശീതിപണം എന്ന ഒരു എനം റെവന്യു കണക്കിൽ ഇല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. വി. വള്ളോൻ.—രശീതിപണം എന്ന ഒരിനം റെവന്യു കണക്കിൽഇല്ലെന്നു പറയുന്നു. ആ പേരും പറഞ്ഞ പണം പിരിയ്ക്കുന്ന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ മേൽ വേണ്ട വിധത്തിൽ നടപടി നടത്തുമൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അച്യുതമേനോൻ.—അതിനു് ഒരുദാഹരണം പറഞ്ഞാൽ തീച്ചയായും നടപടി നടത്താം.

Distribution of lump sum allotment for improvement of hospitals.

117. Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state how they propose to distribute the lump sum of Rs. 3 lakhs allotted for the improvement of hospitals, etc., in honour of the visit of Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Willingdon to Cochin?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Government has not yet formulated definite proposals regarding the distribution of the amount. A scheme is being prepared.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In preparing the scheme will they take into consideration the condition of the villages also?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know whether when the scheme is prepared that will be published in the Gazettee?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The usual practice in such cases is to publish the orders and the scheme together. That is always the practice with the Government. They never publish any scheme in advance and then follow it with the order.

Director of Public Health—pay of

118. Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) when was the Department of Public Health created;

(2) who was the first officer appointed in charge of this department;

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(3) who is the present head of the department;
(4) what was his pay at first;
(5) did he apply for the maximum of his original grade;
(6) if so, when and with what result;
(7) was his pay revised;
(8) if so, when and who was the Diwan at the time;
(9) if he was not given even the maximum of the original lower grade, what are the special reasons which weighed with the Government to place him on a much higher scale soon after?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) On the first of Kanni 1108.
(2) Dr. E. S. R. Menon.
(3) Do.
(4) Rs. 200 in the grade Rs. 200—400.
(5) No.
(6) No reply is necessary in view of the answer to (5) above.
(7) Yes.
(8) From 1st Mithunam 1108. M. R. Ry. Rao Bahadur T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar Avergal.
(9) In view of the qualifications possessed by the Director and the responsibilities entrusted to him and in view of the growing importance of the department left under his care, Government considered it reasonable and fair to place the Director of Public Health in the list of the second grade Heads of Departments. His pay was therefore revised and fixed at Rs. 450—650 with effect from 1st Mithunam 1108.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon—Was his qualification not considered at the time of his first appointment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is the canvassing of votes for the Municipal elections one of the duties he was entrusted with of late?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not know.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What are his additional qualifications which induced you to raise his pay?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No additional qualifications have been brought to the notice of the Government.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—He was not given the maximum in his original grade. Then he was placed on a higher scale. The reasons were asked. The answer is in view of the qualifications possessed by the Director, etc. What were the qualifications?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No additional qualifications have been brought to the notice of the Government.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I suppose these were qualifications which he possessed when he was appointed at first. I suppose

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the Government did a mistake in appointing him in the original grade ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not in any event a mistake.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What was the growing importance of the department ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No one need be told about the importance of the Public Health Department in these days. I don't thinkthere is any need for an answer.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The question was 'did he apply for the maximum of his original grade'. The answer is 'No'. Didhe make any representation to the Government regarding hispay subsequent to his appointment? Any sort of representation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice. I think there was only an official report.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what it was ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He pointed out that his qualifications and that the work he is doing require better consideration.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Where was the hurry in making this change during the absence of the permanent Diwan ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The reasons for making the change have been given. Nothing further is required.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What was the harm in waiting for a month more ? Whywas this made during the absence of the permanent Diwan ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Orders were passed at the time of preparing the budget.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the period when he made this report ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have already explained that point. That was about two or three weeks perior to the order under reference.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can you give me the exact date ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—I hope this officer was working in the Public Health Department in British India.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—I believe he was drawing a higher salary ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think so.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is not living cheaper here ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—May be.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—When did this department began to grow in importance?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—This department has been growing in importance from its very inception.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Therefore, as the department will be growing in importance in future the pay of the Director will also have to be increased. Is it not so?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That does not follow.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Was there not an abnormal outburst of the activities of this department recently at Trippunittura?

President.—I do not think it is a supplementary question?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When did it began to grow?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It began to grow from the very day it was instituted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why was not the increment given at the time of the permanent Diwan?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have once answered that question. The orders were passed at the time of the preparation of the budget.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Government was aware of his qualifications at the time of his appointment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have answered that question once.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Did he accept his first pay under protest?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No officer of the Government can accept his pay under protest.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Were there other qualified candidates for the post?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There was only one applicant. Of course, I speak subject to correction. I would rather say I want notice.

Improvement of Thevar road in Trichur Taluk.

119. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what steps, if any, they have taken to improve the Thevar road in Trichur Taluk?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Owing to lack of funds it was not possible to provide for the work.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the Government recognise the urgent necessity of the improvement of that road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—This question was put before the Road Board and they said that the road was necessary.

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